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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of all of the claims is intended to replace all of the previous versions and/or listings in the present application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A website management method for managing a website's visibility on the Internet, comprising the steps of:

retrieving at least one file name;

determining if the file name is to be submitted to at least one Internet cataloging engine, and

submitting an acceptable uniform resource locator containing the file name to each of the at least one Internet cataloging engines, each submission being made in accordance with a set of submission parameters ~~rules~~ associated with the corresponding Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 2 (Original) The website management method as in claim 1, further comprising of step of: storing only the file names known to be webpages.

Claim 3 (Original) The website management method as in claim 2, further comprising the step of: storing the entire file associated with the file name.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: storing only the file names known to be webpages and were submitted to at least one Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 4, further comprising the step of: storing the entire file associated with the file name that was submitted to at least one Internet cataloging engine.

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Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 4, wherein storing only the file names known to be webpages further comprises storing the date and time the file name was submitted to at least one Internet cataloging engine and the name of the Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: determining which file names are to be submitted to the Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The website management method as in claim 1, wherein retrieving at least one file name further comprises the step of: automatically reading file names from a file.

Claim 9 (Original) The website management method as in claim 1, wherein retrieving at least one file name further comprises the steps of:

- searching the programming code of the file name retrieved for additional file names known to be webpages, and

- searching each additional file name known to be a webpage for additional file names known to be webpages until all webpages linked from the file name have been exhausted.

Claim 10 (Original) The website management method as in claim 1, wherein retrieving at least one file name comprises the steps of:

- searching all the file names known to be a webpage within the current directory;
- traversing each and every directory from the current directory, and
- searching each traversed directory for additional file names known to be webpages.

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Claim 11 (Original) The website management method as in claim 10, further comprising the step of: creating a uniform resource locator by combining the file name with the protocol, domain name, and corresponding traversed directory name.

Claim 12 (Original) The website management method as in claim 7, wherein determining which file names are to be submitted further comprises the steps of:

checking the date the file name was last submitted to the Internet cataloging engine;

checking the submission rules associated with the Internet cataloging engine to submit the file name to, and

allowing the file name to be submitted if the date the file name was last submitted does not violate the rules of the Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 13 (Original) The website management method as in claim 7, wherein determining which file names are to be submitted further comprises the steps of:

checking the user defined rules for the number of uniform resource locators to be submitted to the Internet cataloging engine, and

allowing the file name to be submitted if the submission does not violate a user defined rule.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The website management method as in claim 5, further comprising the steps of: determining which file names are to be submitted to the Internet cataloging engine by applying a set of submission parameters to a directory of one or more uniform resource locators.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

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Claim 16 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 14, wherein determining which file names are to be submitted further comprises the steps of:

searching a file containing file names that are not to be submitted to Internet cataloging engines;

not allowing the file name to be submitted to an Internet cataloging engine if the file name is found in the file containing file names that are not to be submitted to Internet cataloging engines.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) A website management method as in claim 1, wherein submitting an acceptable uniform resource locator further comprises:

determining if the uniform resource locator is in a form acceptable to the Internet cataloging engine, and

modifying the uniform resource locator to be in a form acceptable to the Internet cataloging engine the uniform resource locator is to be submitted to, if it is determined to be in a form that is unacceptable to the Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: storing file names known to be webpages that exist on the website being managed.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) The website management method as in claim 1, further comprising the steps of: storing file names known to be webpages that exist on external websites which are not being managed.

Claims 20 - 24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) A website management method for managing a website's visibility on the Internet, comprising the steps of:

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retrieving at least one file name;

creating an acceptable uniform resource locator by combining the file name with a protocol and a domain name; and

submitting the acceptable uniform resource locator containing the file name to each of at least one Internet cataloging engines, each submission being made in accordance with a set of submission parameters rules associated with the corresponding Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended) Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium, the code for managing a website's files for submission to at least one Internet cataloging engine, comprising:

code for retrieving at least one file name;

code for determining if the file name is to be submitted to the at least one Internet cataloging engine, and

code for submitting an acceptable uniform resource locator containing the file name to each of the at least one Internet cataloging engines, each submission being made in accordance with a set of submission parameters rules associated with the corresponding Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended) Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium, the code for managing a website's files for submission to at least one Internet cataloging engine, comprising:

code for retrieving at least one file name;

code for creating an acceptable uniform resource locator by combining the file name with a protocol and a domain name; and

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code for submitting the acceptable uniform resource locator to each of the at least one Internet cataloging engines, each submission being made in accordance with a set of submission parameters rules associated with the corresponding Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended) A method for providing information about a site to a network cataloger, comprising:

retrieving at least one file name;

automatically determining if the at least one file name is to be submitted to the network cataloger;

identifying a set of submission rules associated with the network cataloger;

creating a uniform resource locator from the at least one file name; and

automatically submitting the uniform resource locator to the network cataloger in accordance with the set of submission parameters rules.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein creating comprises at least one of automatically converting the file name into a URL format compatible with the protocol of the network cataloger, automatically confirming that the file name is already in a general URL format and converting the file name into the compatible URL format, and automatically confirming that the file name is already in the compatible URL format.

Claims 30-31 (Cancelled).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, comprising monitoring a ranking assigned by the network cataloger to the uniform resource locator, and automatically retracting the uniform resource locator in accordance with a preferred ranking.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein retrieving the at least one file name comprises retrieving a name associated with a framed page, and wherein creating the

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uniform resource locator comprises maintaining an association between the uniform resource locator, the name, and at least one of a framing page and the site.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein retrieving the at least one file name comprises retrieving a name of an external file associated with the site, and wherein creating the uniform resource locator comprises maintaining an association between the uniform resource locator, the name, and the site.

Claim 35 (Cancelled)

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein retrieving at least one file name, comprises retrieving a file name of a file referenced by a forbidden file, while maintaining the anonymity of the forbidden page.

Claim 37 (Cancelled)

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein creating comprises creating the uniform resource locator from the file name in accordance with the set of submission rules.

Claims 39-42 (Cancelled).

Claim 43 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein retrieving the at least one file name comprises retrieving a name associated with a framed page, and wherein creating the uniform resource locator comprises maintaining an association between the uniform resource locator, the name, and at least one of a framing page and the site.

Claims 44-47 (Cancelled)

Claim 48 (New) A website management method for managing a website's visibility on the Internet, comprising the steps of:

retrieving at least one file name;

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automatically determining if the file name is to be submitted to at least one Internet cataloging engine, and

automatically submitting an acceptable uniform resource locator containing the file name to each of the at least one Internet cataloging engines, each submission being made in accordance with a set of submission parameters associated with the corresponding Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 49 (New) The website management method as in claim 48, wherein the set of rules may be determined based on variable user-defined criteria.

Claim 50 (New) The website management method as in claim 49, further comprising the step of: automatically storing only the file names known to be webpages and were submitted to at least one Internet cataloging engine.

Claim 51 (New) The website management method as in claim 49, wherein automatically retrieving at least one file name further comprises the steps of:

automatically searching the programming code of the file name retrieved for additional file names known to be webpages, and

automatically searching each additional file name known to be a webpage for additional file names known to be webpages until all webpages linked from the file name have been exhausted.

Claim 52 (New) The website management method as in claim 49, wherein retrieving at least one file name comprises the steps of:

automatically searching all the file names known to be a webpage within the current directory;

automatically traversing each and every directory from the current directory, and

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automatically searching each traversed directory for additional file names known to be webpages.

Claim 53 (New) The website management method as in claim 52, further comprising the step of: creating a uniform resource locator by combining the file name with the protocol, domain name, and corresponding traversed directory name.